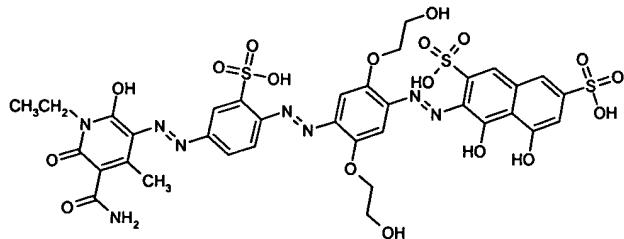


IN THE CLAIMS

1. (original): An ink comprising a liquid medium and a tris-azo compound of Formula (1) or salt thereof:



Formula (1)

wherein the liquid medium comprises water and an organic solvent.

2. (original): An ink according to claim 1 which comprises:

- (a) from 0.01 to 30 parts of a compound of Formula (1) or salt thereof; and
 - (b) from 70 to 99.99 parts of a liquid medium comprising water and an organic solvent;
- wherein all parts are by weight and the number of parts of (a)+(b)=100.

3. (original): An ink according to claim 2 wherein the number of parts of component (a) is from 1 to 5 parts and the number of parts of component (b) is from 99 to 95 parts.

4. (original): An ink according to claim 2 or 3 wherein component (a) is completely dissolved in component (b).

5. (currently amended): An ink according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 wherein the liquid medium comprises one or more anionic and/or nonionic surfactants.

6. (currently amended): An ink according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 wherein the liquid medium comprises one or more pH buffers.

7. (currently amended): An ink according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 wherein the liquid medium comprises one or more biocides.

8. (currently amended): An ink according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 wherein the liquid medium comprises one or more metal chelators.
9. (currently amended): An ink according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 having a pH of 3 to 5.
10. (currently amended): An ink according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 having a viscosity at 25°C of less than 50cP.
11. (new): In the method of ink jet printing, the improvement wherein the ink is an ink according to claim 1.
12. (new): An ink jet cartridge containing an ink according to claim 1.
13. (new): A substrate ink jet printed with an ink according to claim 1.